

To whom it may concern;

I am writing in regards to the NAB's attempt to stop all satalite radio companys from offering local traffic and weather information. To me, it is completely absurd to even contemplate restricting these companys from any kind of broadcasting. Not only does this violate the first amendment by violating the freedom of press and the freedom of speech; but it stops competitive bussiness because the NAB is afriad they might loose some profits by this. "Why are they afraid of loosing profits," you might ask, well I will tell you. They are starting to realize that people are getting more and more dissatisfied with there service. Quite honestly, they should have reason to be afraid, radio stations need a major overhaul, not only in the quality of programming (such as not playing the top 40 songs which actuialy makes it harder for new competition within the music industry), but in the volume levels of advertisements, and variaty of content offered. I am sure that on occation, even you have found yourself fed up with the radio at one point or another. The NAB in the past has tried to stop television as well as FM radio; all of which have come to become things that we all use on a daily basis, and radio has always been able to adapt. Satalite radio is a breath of fresh air in the radio industry, and should be promoted, not shunned. They should not only be allowed to broadcast traffic and weather (which i find is 100% more reliable than FM stations), but be allowed to broadcast local news, school and business closings, and even more localized music alongside their competators in AM and FM. Let the free market reign, and if older companies cannot handle it, let them adapt to changing times, or fall to the wayside. Please dont tell America what we can and cannot listen to.

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